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SUBJ: FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM FY76: OLIVER CHARLES

DEPT. PASS FINK IIE NEW YORK

OUR DURBAN OFFICE RECEIVED LETTER FROM CHARLES EXPRESSING NEED TO RETURN HOME DUE DOMESTIC TROUBLES. EARLIER LETTER INDICATED HE WAS SHOCKED BY CONSERVATIVE MID-WEST AND HE WAS HAVING A HARD TIME BEING AWAY FROM HOME. MISSING WIFE, AND HAD DIFFICULTIES IN SHARING ROOM.

OUR DURBAN OFFICE CONSULTED WITH CHARLES'S WIFE AND FATHER. THEY ADAMANT THAT HE SHOULD NOT RETURN HOME UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AND REPORT THAT WHILE THERE WERE SOME DOMESTIC PROBLEMS SHORTLY AFTER HIS DEPARTURE, THESE HAVE ALL BEEN SORTED OUT SATISFACTORILY. WIFE SAYS UNLIKELY THAT SHE CAN RAISE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR HER AND CHILDREN TO JOIN HIM BUT AS A SUCCESSFUL AND QUALIFIED SOCIAL WORKER INTENDS APPLYING FOR CURRENT CIP PROGRAM.

SHE FEELS CHARLES SUFFERING FROM SEVERE CULTURAL SHOCK AND SAYS HE HAS ALWAYS EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTY IN MAKING NEW FRIENDS. SHE ADVISES HE HAS MENTIONED ENCOUNTERING RACISM- WHITES, ANTI-BLACK AND BLACKS KEEP TO THEMSELVES. ADJUSTMENT TO NEW STUDY PATTERN CONSIDERABLE. CHARLES ALLEGEDLY DISTURBED BY HIS TUTORS' EMPHASIS ON SA BLACK EDUCATION- MEANING AFRICAN WHERE HIS FIELD OF SPECIALI-ZATION IS COLORED EDUCATION.

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WIFE AND FATHER HAVE BOTH SENT EXPRESS LETTERS OF REASSURANCE

TO HIM AND BOTH FEEL IT WOULD BE " MADNESS FOR HIM TO GIVE
UP OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME".

SUGGEST EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO PERSUADE CHARLES TO
STAY.

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